



THE SPREADER

Newsletter of the Hollyburn Sailing Club

April 2010

Spring: New Inflatable boat, New Kayak racks, New faces at St. Paddy's Party!



Commodore's Log (April 2010)

Hollyburn Sailing Club members have just witnessed Canada's most successful Olympic Winter Games and Paralympics Games ever. The legacy of national pride in our Country and its athletic achievements has reached a new high. For our part we personally entertained a small group of visitors from Norway at our Club for a social evening. The evening ended with the singing of 'O Canada' including Norwegian accents. All the guests were unanimous in their praise of our comfortable facilities and marvellous location.

One of the most important Club functions of the year is our Opening Day - Sail Past and Social. This year it is scheduled for May 1st at 12:00 noon. Her Worship Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones will again attend the Sail Past. This is the most important function of the calendar year for all Sailing, Kayaking and social members and a great opportunity to socialize with and meet fellow Hollyburn members while watching an eclectic mix of sailing, kayaking and rowing vessels in action.

The next important date is our Spring clean up of the yard Saturday, April 10th starting at 09:00 . Each member is responsible for volunteer hours during the year this is a great opportunity to start your volunteer commitment early. Boat rigging will be done at the same time by a small group of experienced volunteers.

In preparation for Her Worship's appearance we have scheduled the Clubhouse clean up for Saturday April 24th at 9:00 am. Mark these important dates on your calendar: April 10th @ 09:00 Yard clean up. April 24th @ 09.00 Building clean up. May 1st @ noon Sail Past and Opening day.

The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club has invited the Hollyburn Sailing Club's Commodore to its annual Yacht Clubs reception and dinner. The RVCY is hosting this event to demonstrate how much they appreciate the help and support they receive throughout the year from their neighbourhood Yacht, Sailing and Kayak Clubs. We will be represented this year by our Club's very active and popular couple, Louise and David Park, our Kayak Co-Captains.

Again may I reiterate how important your volunteer help is to maintain the upkeep of the lands and building. This volunteer cooperation eases the burden on your Club's Executive who commit and donate a year or more of time and talent to keep the Clubhouse, the Lands and Training program operating efficiently and looking presentable. See you at the clean ups.

Cheers & 'Up Spirits'!

Bud MacKenzie, Commodore.

2010 Executive

Top row: Steve Britten, Ian Darling, David Park, Miles Hogan, Louise Park, Rob Jones, Richard Howard, Mike Bretner

Seated: Charles Hamfeldt, Bud MacKenzie, Paul Kissack



Dan Campbell



Heather Drugge



Bob Hough



Kim Jones



Julie Robinson



Barbara Pichler

Cover—Hydrographer Richard Howard acquired a new inflatable boat for the club in March, to augment our fleet for the summer sail training program—as well as for any rescues that may need to be performed. Matt Sluyter and his son Thomas were on hand with a bottle of San Pelegrino water to christen the new boat, the Eire-born dancers celebrated and three new kayak racks have arrived.

2010 Calendar

Note that any changes and additions to this calendar will be brought to your attention by e-mail, posted on the club website, and in subsequent editions of the *Spreader*.

April

2-4	Easter long-weekend		
8	Thursday	19:30	Executive meeting
10	Saturday	09:00	Spring Cleanup & Boat Rigging
11	Sunday	13:00	Spring Series #3: Sail/Kayak/Row
24	Saturday	09:00	Clubhouse Cleanup
25	Sunday	11:00	Long Distance: Starboat Cove

May

1	Saturday	12:00	Sailpast, Opening Day. WV Mayor to attend
9	Sunday		Mother's Day
13	Thursday	19:30	Executive meeting
16	Sunday	10:00	Kayak: Tour de Indian Arm, Deep Cove
22-24	Victoria Day long-weekend:		Commodore's Cruise to Howe Sound
29-30	Sat-Sunday	09:00	<i>Adult White Sail Course I</i>

Hydrographer Report – Richard Howard

As you can see from the cover photos our new boat has arrived - break out the champagne! It's an AB11 and was purchased from Kits Inflatables mid-March, and Craig Fraser was very helpful in dropping by the club to check out our fleet. The groundwork for this purchase was instituted by the former Hydrographer Nick Parker, and I continued with his recommendations and interviewed our Fleet Captain Heather Drugge and the students to determine the size required. Originally it was recommended we purchase an AB13, but several comments brought me around to the 11. The weight up the ramp is a large issue and the ability to continue using our motors without going to long leg motors was also a positive thing. This new AB11 is now at the front of the Alley and is rotated to be our new reserve rescue boat for the West Vancouver Police/Fire departments, and will be maintained with 2 life jackets, a first aid kit, an anchor and paddles.

Pending a few more runs in choppy water I will be looking into the purchase of another AB11, to bring our inflatables up to a higher standard. Presently there is a red Zodiac that has many patches or training scars and although the rubber is still good the unit is similar to a quilt with all its patches. My primary concern is Safety and we need to ensure that these inflatables are all in top shape - not just for the training fleet, but for all licensed individuals who may use these boats throughout the year.

After a dismal start on the first test with a 9.9 Mercury, I switched the motor to the Honda 15hp 4 stroke. Voila! It works. Matt Sluyter and Ian Darling took it out for a test ride and towed out the racing marks for the season. They were up on a plane right away and reported back that this boat was noticeably smooth. Kits Inflatables had suggested that the first motor had a slipping prop that only shows up under acceleration, so I'll be switching it out with a new prop.

The new boat has yet to get named, although has had its maiden voyage. We could have the Club committee draw next meeting for a suggested name – or perhaps you the reader would like to come up with a name....?

Some useful links:

<http://www.kitsinflatables.com/>

http://www.abinflatables.com/i_product.asp (link to AB11)

Length	11'0" (3.55m)	Beam	6'1" (1.85m)	Inside length	8'5" (2.56m)
Inside beam	2'10" (0.86m)		Internal Area	24 sq.ft (2.2m ²)	
Approx. Weight	199lb - 90kg		Max. Person Capacity	5	
Tube Diameter	18" - 0.46 m		Shaft Length	20"	
Max. Weight Capacity	1415 lb - 643 kg		Recommended HP	20 hp - 14.9kw	
Maximum HP	25 hp - 18.7kw		# Air Chambers	3 + 1	

General House-keeping Reminders

As a general courtesy and to ensure maximum enjoyment of the club for all, members are reminded to observe the following:

- Sign in at the log book at the front door each time the club is used. If going out on the water, indicate the destination and expected return time.
- When using the kitchen, please ensure that the facility is cleaned and all utensils washed and packed away prior to departure, and please remove your garbage for disposal at home.
- If furniture is re-arranged, please restore it to its original position before leaving.
- If using the BBQ, please clean it afterwards and leave a payment for propane replacement in the container provided.
- Co-op members must enter their use of co-op boats in the co-op register.

Boat Storage Payment We are busy reconciling our boat storage records with boats stored on site, and evaluating the availability of boat storage for prospective new members. If you have a boat stored at the club and have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible to ensure that your spot is not re-allocated. Members with outstanding fees by April 24th (Spring Clean-up day) who have boats stored at the club will have their boats delivered to their home address.

Insurance of Members' Boats and Storage Locker Contents Members are reminded that the club's insurance policy does **not** cover members' boats or other possessions stored at the club against loss or damage. Members need to ensure that their own insurance policies cover their possessions when stored at the club.

Fleet Report—Ian Darling

New race committee instructions and updated safety procedures are now prominently displayed in 'alley'.

Permanent marks have been set.

Racing start sequence needs to be changed in yearbook as per CYA: A series of 4 short blasts will be sounded to draw attention to committee boat in preparation for the start sequence:

5 minutes: Red flag and horn

4 minutes: Blue Peter raised and horn

1 minute: Blue Peter comes down

0 minutes (start): Red flag comes down and horn

Secure storage of race flags being considered as several have disappeared over the last year (they are expensive to replace).

Club notice boards have been refinished; one is installed and I am waiting for replacement tempered glass for the other.

Interest in Club Kayaking Expeditions—Louise Park

Your kayak captain is gauging the level of interest of club members in participating in club-organized kayaking expeditions at out-of-town destinations (e.g. Broken Islands). If you would like to participate, please e-mail Dave and Louise Park at kayak@hollyburnsailingclub.ca to express your interest. Trips will be arranged later in the year depending on the level of interest.

Rear Commodore Report—Dan Campbell

On April 10 we will be rearranging the boats in the yard a bit to get some three more kayak racks in place. If you have a kayak on site please come down and unlock it so we can relocate them based on length. Otherwise we may have to use the bolt cutters.

If you have a Sabot on site, please note that we will be racking them on top of the Laser racks. If you want to take your boat home instead please advise Mike Bretner and he will arrange delivery. If you have a Laser and want to defend a good spot on the rack, come on down. We are planning to rearrange some of the Lasers as well. Boats that sail get the good spots!

And finally, if your boat looks abandoned, and we have no knowledge of you using it last year then do not be surprised to get a call asking you to remove it to make room for new active members. Thanks for your understanding.

Co-op Report—Miles Hogan Since our last meeting the following activities have been undertaken:

A draft version of the Safety and Competency Questionnaire has been created and circulated for comments. It is intended to be hosted on the Hollyburn Sailing Club website and provided to new Co-op members in order to raise awareness of safety related matters and HSC protocols. The Questionnaire is for members' own use and is not intended to "stump" users. Rather it presents questions and stimulates thought regarding safety related issues and provides links to web pages which address the issue. We expect this will provide a positive mechanism to raise and facilitate discussion of safety with new Co-op members.

The following activities still need to be completed: Update the HSC Co-op Rules and Regulations; Update protocols re practical evaluation of skills; Develop HSC new Co-op member protocol; Organize a Co-op social event; Complete miscellaneous projects.

St. Paddy's Party—another roaring success at the clubhouse! John Lyon led the strings, Allan McMordie the pipes.



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